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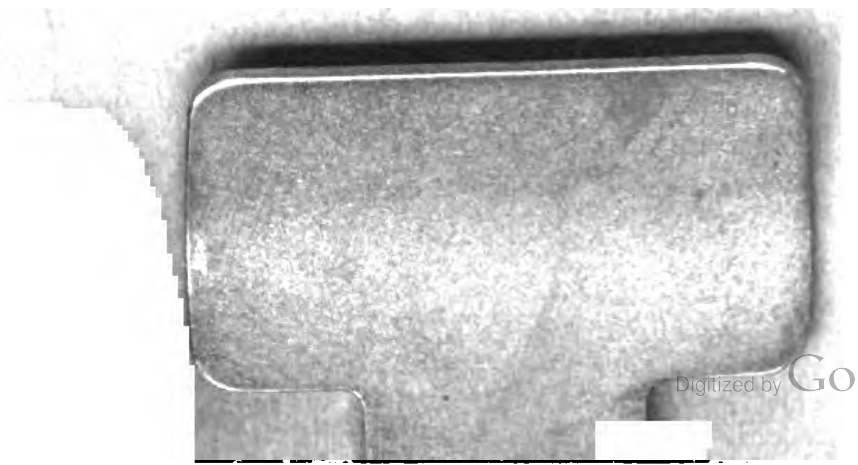

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AND

MR. COTTON'S CATECHISM.

ALBANY:
JOEL MUNSELL'S SONS.
1885.

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A Divine Song of Praiſe to God, for a Child by the Rev. Dr. WATTS.

How glorious is our heavenly King,
Who reigns above the Sky!
How ſhall a Child preſume to ſing
His dreadful Majeſty!

How great his power is none can tell,
Nor think how large his Grace:
Nor men below, nor Saints that dwell
On high before his Face.

Nor Angels that ſtand around the Lord,
Can ſearch his ſecret will:
But they perform his heav'nly Word,
And ſing his Praiſes ſtill.

Then let me join this holy Train,
And my firſt Off'rings bring;
The eternal GOD will not diſdain
To hear an Infant ſing.

My Heart reſolves, my Tongue obeys,
And Angels ſhall rejoice,
To hear their mighty Maker's Praiſe,
Sound from a feeble Voice.

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New-England Primer.

The earliest notice we find of this work, once so popular, is an advertisement printed in an Almanac of 1691, reading as follows:

"There is now in press, and will be suddenly extant, a second impression of the New England Primer enlarged, to which is added, more Directions for Spelling, the Prayer of King Edward the VI, and Verses made by Mr. Rogers, the Martyr, left as a legacy to his children."

What a pang pervaded the breast of every young New Englander on beholding the representation of the martyrdom of John Rogers, and his afflicted family drawn up to witness it! There never has been printed in this country a book laying no claim to inspiration, whose influence has been so extended and enduring as that of the New England Primer. For more than a century it was almost exclusively the juvenile book of New England; and though it may not now be regarded as wholly unexceptionable and adequate to the wants of the age, mighty indeed was its influence upon the people among whom it circulated. And after a few years of comparative neglect, it again, within the last half century, came into requisition as a manual of religious instruction for the young. Various religious associations, we are assured by a writer in the New England Genealogical Register, passed resolutions in favor of its circulation. Over a hundred thousand copies of a modern edition of it were distributed by a single society, we are told; and societies were formed for the purpose of introducing it into Sunday and other schools.

(RECAP)

Numerous editions of it were issued from the presses of Massachusetts and Connecticut in the last and beginning of the present century, the engravings of which were so unique, the printers being their own artists, that it is hardly possible for a modern engraver to do justice to them in his attempt to produce fac-similies. The editions of a later period in the present century differ from earlier ones, those of Hartford, New Haven, and Albany even (for the noted house of Websters and Skinners entered into the arena), being changed, especially in the pictured couplets to the letters C, D, E, F, thus: The Cat doth play and after slay. The Dog doth bite the thief at night. The Eagle's flight is out of sight. The idle Fool is whipt at school. These cast off dogmatics, and are illustrated by characteristic engravings. The present edition has been strictly copied after the earliest examples extant, from *Adam's fall* to *Zaccheus he.* Persons still remain who will be reminded of their earliest text book, and of the tedious hours spent with the *Shorter* Catechism, which was *long* enough for their purpose, and whose brains were effectually confused by copious and involuntary draughts of John Cotton's *Spiritual Milk for Babes,* which has been retained in this issue, to made it complete.

It may not be universally known that the Wesminister Assembly, which composed the Catechism, was convened in 1644, consisted of 120 divines, and sat five and a half years. The work would not be complete by an omission of so important a feature.

JOEL MUNSELL.

Albany, N. Y., 1875.

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The young INFANT's or CHILD's morning Prayer. *From* DR. WATTS.

ALMIGHTY God the Maker of every Thing in Heaven and Earth; the Darkneſs goes away, and the Day light comes at thy Command. Thou art good and doeſt good continually.

I thank thee that thou haſt taken such Care of me this Night, and that I am alive and well this Morning.

Save me, O God, from Evil, all this Day long, and let me love and ſerve thee forever, for the Sake of Jesus Chriſt thy Son. AMEN.

The INFANT's or young CHILD's Evening Prayer. *From* Dr. WATTS.

O LORD God who knoweſt all Things, thou Seeſt me by Night as well as by Day.

I pray thee for Chriſt's Sake, forgive me whatſoever I have done amiſs this Day, and keep me all this Night, while I am aſleep.

I deſire to lie down under thy care, and to abide forever under thy Bleſſing, for thou art a God of all Power and everlaſting Mercy. AMEN.

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n o p q r s ſ t u v
w x y z &.

Vowels.

a e i o u y.

Conſonants.

b c d f g h j k l m n p q r ſ s t v w x z

Double Letters.

ct ff fi fl ffi ffl ſh ſi ſſi ſl ſſ ſt

Italick Letters.

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh
Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq
Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz

Italick Double Letters.

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Great Letters.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O
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Ab	eb	ib	ob	ub
ac	ec	ic	oc	uc
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af	ef	if	of	uf
ag	eg	ig	og	ug
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ak	ek	ik	ok	uk
al	el	il	ol	ul
am	em	im	om	um
an	en	in	on	un
ap	ep	ip	op	up
ar	er	ir	or	ur
as	es	is	os	us
at	et	it	ot	ut
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ax	ex	ix	ox	ux
az	ez	iz	oz	uz

Ba	be	bi	bo	bu
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ma	me	mi	mo	mu
na	ne	ni	no	nu
pa	pe	pi	po	pu
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va	ve	vi	vo	vu
wa	we	wi	wo	wu
ya	ye	yi	yo	yu
za	ze	zi	zo	zu

Words of one Syllable.

Age	all	ape	are
Babe	beef	beſt	bold

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Words of one Syllable.

Cat	cake	crown	cup
Deaf	dead	dry	dull
Eat	ear	eggs	eyes
Face	feet	filth	foul
Gate	good	grass	great
Hand	hat	head	heart
Ice	ink	iſle	jobb
Kick	kind	kneel	know
Lamb	lame	land	long
Made	mole	moon	mouth
Name	night	noiſe	noon
Oak	once	one	ounce
Pain	pair	pence	pound
Quart	queen	quick	quilt
Rain	raiſe	roſe	run
Saint	ſage	ſalt	ſaid
Take	talk	time	throat
Vain	vice	vile	view
Way	wait	waſte	would

Words of two Syllables.

Ab-ſent	ab-hor	a-pron	au-thor
Ba-bel	be-came	be-guile	bold-ly
Ca-pon	cel-lar	con-ſtant	cup-board
Dai-ly	de-pend	di-vers	du-ty
Ea-gle	ea-ger	en-cloſe	e-ven

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Words of two Syllables.

Fa-ther	fa-mous	fe-male	fu-ture
Ga-ther	gar-den	gra-vy	glo-ry
Hei-nous	hate-ful	hu-mane	huſ-band
In-fant	in-deed	in-cence	i-ſland
Ja-cob	jeal-ous	juſ-tice	ju-lep
La-bour	la-den	la-dy	la-zy
Ma-ny	ma-ry	mo-tive	mu-ſick

Words of three Syllables.

A-bu-sing	a-mend-ing	ar-gu-ment
Bar-ba-rous	be-ne-fit	beg-gar-ly
Cal-cu-late	can-dle-ſtick	con-found-ed
Dam-ni-fy	dif-fi-cult	drow-ſi-neſs
Ea-ger-ly	em-ploy-ing	e-vi-dence
Fa-cul-ty	fa-mi-ly	fu-ne-ral
Gar-den-er	glo-ri-ous	gra-ti-tude
Hap-pi-neſs	har-mo-ny	ho-li-ness

Words of four Syllables.

A-bi-li ty	ac-com-pa-ny	af-fec-ti-on
Be-ne-fit-ed	be-a-ti-tude	be-ne-vo-lent
Ca-la-mi-ty	ca-pa-ci-ty	ce-re-mo-ny
De-li-ca-cy	di-li-gent-ly	du-ti-ful-ly
E-dy-fy-ing	e-ver-laſt-ing	e-vi-dent-ly
Feb-ru-a-ry	fi-de-li-ty	for-mi-da-bly
Ge-ne-ral ly	glo-ri-fy-ing	gra-ci-ouſ-ly

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Words of five Syllables.

A-bo-mi-na-ble
Be-ne-dic-ti-on
Ce-le-bra-ti-on
De-cla-ra-ti-on
E-du-ca-ti-on
For-ni-ca-ti-on
Ge-ne-ra-ti-on
ad-mi-ra-ti-on
be-ne-fi-ci-al
con-ſo-la-ti-on
de-di-ca-ti-on
ex-hor-ta-ti-on
fer-men-ta-ti-on
ge-ne-ro-ſi-ty

Words of ſix Syllables.

A-bo-mi-na-ti-on
Be-ne-fi-ci-al-ly
Con-ti-nu-a-ti-on
De-ter-mi-na-ti-on
E-di-fi-ca-ti-on
Fa-mi-li-a-ri-ty
Gra-ti-fi-ca-ti on
Hu-mi-li-a-ti-on
I-ma-gi-na-ti-on
Mor-ti-fi-ca-ti-on
Pu-ri-fi-ca-ti-on
Qua-li-fi-ca-ti-on

A leſſon for Children.

Pray to God.
Love God.
Fear God.
Serve God
Take not God's
Name in vain.
Do not ſwear.
Do not ſteal.
Cheat not in your play.
Play not with bad boys.
Call no ill names.
Uſe no ill words.
Tell no lies.
Hate Lies.
Speak the Truth.
Spend your Time well.
Love your School.
Mind your Book.
Strive to learn.
Be not a Dunce.

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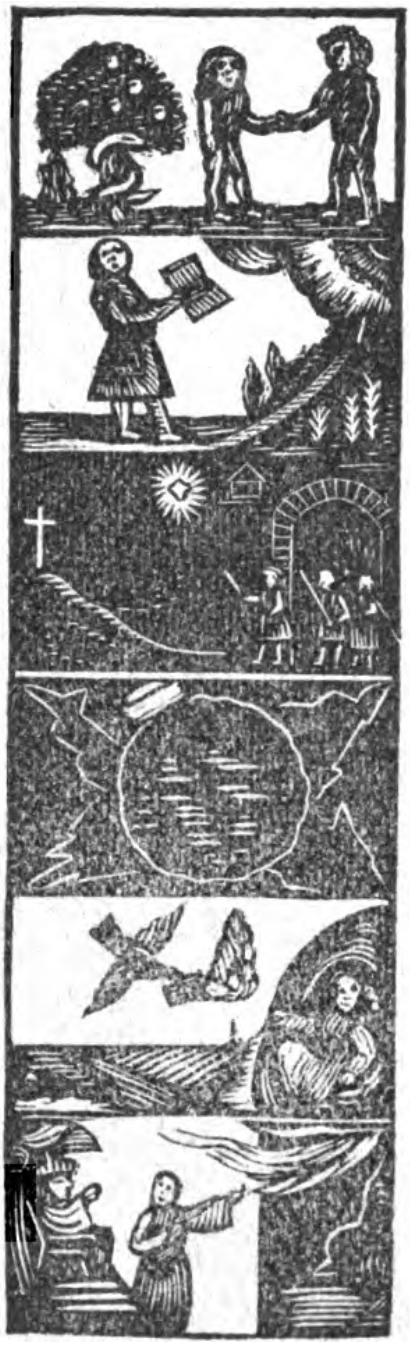

In ADAM's Fall.
We ſinned all.

B

Heaven to find,
The Bible mind.

C

Chriſt crucify'd
For ſinners dy'd.

D

The Deluge drown'd
The Earth around.

E

ELIJAH hid
By Ravens fed.

F

The judgment made
FELIX afraid.

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G

As runs the Glass
Our Life doth paſs.

H

My Book and Heart
Muſt never part.

I

Job feels the Rod,—
Yet bleſſes GOD.

K

Proud Korah's troop
Was ſwallowed up.

L

Lot fled to *Zoar*,
Saw fiery Shower
On *Sodom* pour.

M

Moses was he
Who *Iſrael's* Host
Led thro' the Sea.

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NOAH did view
The old world & new

Young OBADIAS,
DAVID, JOSIAS
All were Pious.

PETER deny'd
His Lord and cry'd.

Queen ESTHER ſues
And ſaves the *Jews.*

Young Pious RUTH
Left all for Truth.

Young SAM'L dear
The Lord did fear.

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T

Young TIMOTHY
Learnt ſin to fly.

U

VASHTI for Pride,
Was set aſide.

W

Whales in the Sea,
GOD'S Voice obey.

X

XERXES did die,
And ſo muſt I.

Y

While youth do chear
Death may be near.

Z

ZACHEUS he
Did climb the Tree,
Our Lord to ſee.

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Who was the firſt man? *Adam.*
Who was the firſt woman? *Eve.*
Who was the firſt Murderer? *Cain.*
Who was the firſt Martyr? *Abel.*
Who was the firſt Tranſlated? *Enoch.*
Who was the oldeſt man? *Methuſaleh.*
Who built the Ark? *Noah.*
Who was the Patienteſt Man? *Job.*
Who was the Meekeſt Man? *Moſes.*
Who led *Iſrael* into *Canaan?* *Joſhua.*
Who was the ſtrongest Man? *Sampſon.*
Who killed *Goliah?* *David.*
Who was the wiſeſt Man? *Solomon.*
Who was in the Whale's Belly? *Jonah.*
Who ſaves loſt Men? *Jesus Chriſt.*
Who is *Jesus Chriſt?* *The Son of God.*
Who was the Mother of *Chriſt?* *Mary.*
Who betrayed his Maſter? *Judas.*
Who denied his Maſter? *Peter.*
Who was the firſt Chriſtian Martyr? *Stephen.*
Who was chief Apoſtle of the *Gentiles?* *Paul.*

The Infant's Grace before and after Meat.

BLESS me, O Lord, and let my food ſtrengthen me to ſerve thee, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake. AMEN.

I Deſire to thank God who gives me food to eat every day of my life. AMEN.

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WHAT's right and good now ſhow me Lord, and lead me by thy grace and word. Thus ſhall I be a child of God, and love and fear thy hand and rod.

An Alphabet of Leſſons for Youth.

A Wiſe ſon maketh a glad father, but a fooliſh ſon is the heavineſs of his mother.

B Etter is a little with the fear of the Lord, than great treaſure & trouble therewith.

C Ome unto Chriſt all ye that labour and are heavy laden and he will give you reſt.

D O not the abominable thing which I hate ſaith the Lord.

EXcept a man be born again, he cannot ſee the kingdom of God.

F Ooliſhneſs is bound up in the heart of a child, but the rod of correction ſhall drive it far from him.

G ODLINESS is profitable unto all things, having the promiſe of the life that now is, and that which is to come.

H OLINESS becomes G O D's houſe for ever.

IT is good for me to draw near unto GOD.

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KEEP thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the iſſues of life.

LIARS ſhall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimſtone.

MANY are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivereth them out of them all.

NOW is the accepted time, now is the day of ſalvation.

OUT of the abundance of the heart the mouth ſpeaketh.

PRAY to thy Father which is in ſecret; and thy Father which ſees in ſecret ſhall reward thee openly.

QUIT you like men, be ſtrong, ſtand faſt in the faith.

REMEMBER thy Creator in the days of thy youth.

SEeſt thou a man wiſe in his own conceit, there is more hope of a fool than of him.

TRUST in God at all times, ye people, pour out your hearts before him.

UPON the wicked, God ſhall rain an horrible tempeſt.

WO to the wicked, it ſhall be ill with him, for the reward of his hands ſhall be given him.

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EXHORT one another daily while it is called to day, leſt any of you be hardened thro' the deceitfulness of ſin.

YOUNG men ye have overcome the wicked one.

ZEal hath conſumed me, becauſe thy enemies have forgotten the word of God.

The LORD's Prayer.

OUR Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.

The CREED.

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jeſus Chriſt his only Son our Lord, which was conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, born of the Virgin Mary, ſuffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried. He deſcended into hell. The third day he aroſe again from the dead, and aſcended into heaven, and ſitteth on the right hand of God, the Father,

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Almighty. From thence he ſhall come to judge both the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghoſt, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveneſs of ſins, the reſurrection of the body, and the life everlaſting. AMEN.

DR. WATTS'S *Cradle Hymn.*

HUSH my dear, lie ſtill and ſlumber,
holy angels guard thy bed,
Heavenly bleſſings without number,
gently falling on thy head.
Sleep my babe, thy food and raiment,
houſe and home thy friends provide,
All without thy care or payment,
all thy wants are well ſupply'd.
How much better thou'rt attended,
than the Son of God could be,
When from heaven he deſcended,
and became a child like thee.
Soft and eaſy is thy cradle,
coarſe and hard thy Saviour lay,
When his birth-place was a ſtable,
and his ſofteſt bed was hay.
Bleſſed Babe! what glorious features,
ſpotleſs fair, divinely bright!!
Muſt he dwell with brutal creatures,

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how could angels bear the ſight?
Was there nothing but a manger,
curſed ſinners could afford,
To receive the heavenly ſtranger?
did they thus affront their Lord?
Soft my child I did not chide thee,
tho' my ſong may ſound too hard;
Tis thy mother ſits beſide thee,
and her arms ſhall be thy guard.
Yet to read the ſhameful ſtory,
how the Jews abuſ'd their King,
How they ſerved the Lord of Glory,
makes me angry while I ſing.
See the kinder ſhepherds round him,
telling wonders from the ſky;
There they ſought him, there they found him
with his Virgin Mother by.
See the lovely Babe a dreſſing;
lovely Infant how he ſmil'd!
When he wept, the Mother's bleſſing
ſooth'd and huſh'd the holy child,
Lo! he ſlumbers in his manger,
where the horned oxed fed;
Peace my darling here's no danger,
here's no Ox a near thy bed.
'Twas to ſave thee, child from dying,
ſave my dear from burning flame,

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Bitter groans and endleſs crying,
that thy bleſt Redeemer came.
May'ſt thou live to know and fear him,
truſt and love him all thy days!
Then go dwell for ever near him,
ſee his face and ſing his praiſe.
I could give thee thouſand kiſſes,
hoping what I moſt deſire:
Not a mother's fondeſt wiſhes,
can to greater joys aſpire.

VERSES *for Children.*

THOUGH I am young a little one,
If I can ſpeak and go alone,
Then I muſt learn to know the Lord,
And learn to read his holy word.
'Tis time to ſeek to God and pray
For what I want for every day:
I have a precious ſoul to ſave,
And I a mortal body have,
Tho' I am young yet I may die,
And haſten to eternity:
There is a dreadful fiery hell,
Where wicked ones muſt always dwell:
There is a heaven full of joy,
Where godly ones muſt always ſtay;
To one of theſe my ſoul muſt fly,
As in a moment when I die:

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When God that made me, calls me home,
I muſt not ſtay I muſt be gone.
He gave me life, and gives me breath,
And he can ſave my ſoul from death,
By JESUS CHRIST my only Lord,
According to his holy word.
He clothes my back and makes me warm:
He ſaves my fleſh and bones from harm.
He gives me bread and milk and meat
And all I have that's good to eat.
When I am ſick, he if he pleaſe,
Can make me well and give me eaſe:
He gives me ſleep and quiet reſt,
Whereby my body is refreſh'd.
The Lord is good and kind to me,
And very thankful I muſt be:
I muſt obey and love and fear him,
By faith in Chriſt I muſt draw near him.
I muſt not ſin as others do,
Leſt I lie down in ſorrow too:
For God is angry every day,
With wicked ones who go aſtray.
All ſinful words I muſt reſtrain:
I muſt not take God's name in vain.
I muſt not work, I muſt not play,
Upon God's holy ſabbath day.
And if my parents ſpeak the word,

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That I may lengthen out thy praiſe,
And never turn aſide from thee.
So in my end I ſhall rejoice,
In my ſalvation joyful be;
My ſoul ſhall ſay with loud glad voice,
JEHOVAH who is like to thee?
Who takeſt the lambs into thy arms,
And gently leadeſt thoſe with young,
Who ſaveſt children from all harms,
Lord, I will praiſe thee with my ſong.
And when my days on earth ſhall end,
And I go hence and be here no more,
Give me eternity to ſpend,
My G O D to praiſe forever more.

Another.

Good children muſt,

Fear God all day, Love Chriſt alway,
Parents obey, In ſecret pray,
No falſe things ſay, Mind little play,
By no ſin ſtray, Make no delay,
In doing good.

Another.

I In the burying place may ſee
Graves ſhorter there than I,
From death's arreſt no age is free,
Young children too muſt die.
My God may ſuch an awful ſight,

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Awakening be to me !
Oh ! that by early grace I might
For death prepared be.

Another.

NOW I lay me down to take my ſleep.
I pray the Lord my ſoul to kéep,
If I ſhould die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my ſoul to take.

Another.

FIrſt in the morning when thou doſt awake,
To God for his grace thy petition make,
Some heavenly petition uſe daily to ſay,
That the God of heaven may bleſs thee alway.

Duty to God and our neighbor.

LOVE God with all your ſoul & ſtrength,
With all your heart and mind ;
And love your neighbor as yourſelf,
Be faithful, juſt and kind.
Deal with another as you'd have
Another deal with you :
What you're unwilling to receive,
Be ſure you never do.

Our Saviour's Golden Rule.

BE you to others kind and true,
As you'd have others be to you :
And neither do nor ſay to men,
Whate'er you would not take again.

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The Sum of the ten Commandments.

WITH all thy ſoul love God above.
And as thyſelf thy neighbour love.

Advice to Youth. Eccle. xii.

NOW in the heat of youthful blood,
Remember your Creator God;
Behold the months come haſt'ning on,
When you ſhall ſay, *My joys are gone.*
Behold the aged ſinner goes
Laden with guilt and heavy woes,
Down to the regions of the dead.
With endleſs curſes on his head.
The duſt returns to duſt again,
The ſoul in agonies of pain,
Aſcends to God not there to dwell,
But hears her doom and ſinks to hell.
Eternal King I fear thy name,
Teach me to know how frail I am,
And when my ſoul muſt hence remove,
Give me a manſion in thy love.

Remember thy Creator in the days of thy youth

CHILDREN your great Creator fear,
To him your homage pay,
While vain employments fire your blood,
And lead your thoughts aſtray
The due remembrance of his name
Your firſt regard requires:

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Till your breaſt glows with ſacred love,
Indulge no meaner fires.
Secure his favor, and be wiſe,
Before thoſe cheerleſs days,
When age comes on, when mirth's no more
And health and ſtrength decays.

Some proper Names of MEN *and* WOMEN, *to teach Children to ſpell their own.*

Men's Names.

ADam, Abel,
Abraham,
Amos, Aaron,
Abijah, Andrew,
Alexander, Anthony,
Bartholomew,
Benjamin, Barnabas,
Benoni, Barzillai,
Caleb, Cæſar,
Charles, Chriſtopher,
Clement, Cornelius,
David, Daniel,
Ephraim, Edward,
Edmund, Ebenezer,
Elijah, Eliphalet,
Eliſha, Eleazer,
Elihu, Ezekiel,
Elias, Elizur,
Frederick, Francis,
Gilbert, Giles,
George, Gamaliel,
Gideon, Gerſhom,
Heman, Henry,
Hezekiah, Hugh,
John, Jonas, Iſaac,
Jacob, Jared, Job,
James, Jonathan,
Iſrael, Joseph,
Jeremiah, Joſhua,
Joſiah, Jedediah,
Jabez, Joel, Judah,
Lazarus, Luke,
Mathew, Michael,
Moſes, Malachi,
Nathaniel, Nathan,

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Nicholas, Noadiah,
Nehemiah, Noah,
Obediah, Ozias,
Paul, Peter, Philip,
Phineas, Peletiah,
Ralph, Richard,
Samuel, Sampſon,
Stephen, Solomon,
Seth, Simeon, Saul,
Shem, Shubal,
Timothy, Thomas,
Titus, Theophilus,
Uriah, Uzzah,
Walter, William,
Xerxes, Xenophon,
Zachariah, Zabdiel,
Zedekiah, Zadock,
Zebulon, Zebediah,

Women's Names.

ABigail, Anne,
Alice, Anna,
Bethiah, Bridget,
Chloe, Charity,
Deborah, Dorothy,
Dorcas, Dinah,
Damaris,
Elizabeth, Eſther,
Eunice, Eleanor,
Frances, Flora,
Grace, Gillet,
Hannah, Huldah,
Hepzibah,
Henrietta, Hagar,
Joanna, Jane,
Jemima, Iſabel,
Judith, Jennet,
Katharine, Ketura,
Kezia, Lydia,
Lucretia, Lucy,
Lois, Lettice,
Mary, Margaret,
Martha, Mehetabel,
Marcy, Merial,
Patience, Phylis,
Phebe, Priſcilla,
Rachel, Rebecca,
Ruth, Rhoda, Roſe,
Sarah, Suſanna,
Tabitha, Tameſin,
Urſula,
Zipporah, Zibiah.

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MR JOHN ROGERS, miniſter of the goſpel in *London*, was the firſt martyr in Queen MARY'S reign, and was burnt at *Smithfield*, *February* 14, 1554.—His wife with nine ſmall children, and one at her breaſt followed him to the ſtake; with which ſorrowful ſight he was not in the leaſt daunted, but with wonderful patience died courageouſly for the goſpel of JESUS CHRIST.

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Some few days before his death he wrote the following Advice to his Children.

GIVE ear my children to my words
Whom God hath dearly bought,
Lay up his laws within your heart,
and print them in your thought.
I leave you here a little book
for you to look upon,
That you may ſee your father's face
when he is dead and gone:
Who for the hope of heavenly things
while he did here remain,
Gave over all his golden years
to priſon and to pain.
Where I, among my iron bands,
incloſed in the dark,
Not many days before my death,
I did compoſe this work:
And for example to your youth,
to whom I wiſh all good,
I ſend you here God's perfect truth,
and ſeal it with my blood.
To you my heirs of earthly things,
which I do leave behind,
That you may read and underſtand
and keep it in your mind.
That as you have been heirs of that

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that once ſhall wear away,
You alſo may poſſeſs that part,
which never ſhall decay.
Keep always God before your eyes,
with all your whole intent,
Commit no ſin in any wiſe,
keep his commandment.
Abhor that arrant whore of ROME,
and all her blaſphemies,
And drink not of her curſed cup,
obey not her decrees.
Give honour to your mother dear,
remember well her pain,
And recompenſe her in her age,
with the like love again.
Be always ready for her help,
and let her not decay.
Remember well your father all,
who would have been your ſtay.
Give of your portion to the poor,
as riches do ariſe,
And from the needy naked ſoul,
turn not away your eyes:
For he that doth not hear the cry
of thoſe who ſtand in need,
Shall cry himſelf and not be heard,
when he does hope to ſpeed.

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If GOD hath given you increaſe,
and bleſſed well your ſtore,
Remember you are put in truſt,
and ſhould relieve the poor.
Beware of foul and filthy luſt,
let ſuch things have no place,
Keep clean your veſſels in the LORD,
that he may you embrace.
Ye are the temples of the LORD,
for you are dearly bought,
And they that do defile the ſame,
ſhall ſurely come to nought.
Be never proud by any means,
build not your houſe too high,
But always have before your eyes,
that you are born to die.
Defraud not him that hired is,
your labour to ſuſtain,
But pay him ſtill without delay,
his wages for his pain.
And as you would that other men
againſt you ſhould proceed,
Do you the ſame to them again,
when they do ſtand in need.
Impart your portion to the poor,
in money and in meat,

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And send the feeble fainting ſoul,
of that which you do eat.
Aſk counſel always of the wiſe,
give ear unto the end,
And ne'r refuſe the ſweet rebuke,
of him that is thy friend.
Be always thankful to the LORD,
with prayer and with praiſe,
Begging of him to bleſs your work,
and to direct your ways.
Seek firſt, I ſay, the living God,
and always him adore,
And then be ſure that he will bleſs
your baſket and your ſtore.
And I beſeech Almighty GOD,
repleniſh you with grace,
That I may meet you in the heavens,
and ſee you face to face.
And though the fire my body burns,
contrary to my kind,
That I cannot enjoy your love
according to my mind:
Yet I do hope that when the heavens
ſhall vaniſh like a ſcroll,
I ſhall ſee you in perfect ſhape,
in body and in ſoul.
And that I may enjoy your love,

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and you enjoy the land,
I do beſeech the living LORD,
to hold you in his hand.
Though here my body be adjudg'd
in flaming fire to fry,
My ſoul I truſt, will ſtraight aſcend
to live with GOD on high.
What though this carcaſe ſmart awhile
What though this life decay,
My ſoul I hope will be with GOD,
and live with him for aye.
I know I am a ſinner born,
from the original,
And that I do deſerve to die
by my fore father's fall:
But by our SAVIOUR'S precious blood,
which on the croſs was ſpilt,
Who freely offer'd up his life,
to ſave our ſouls from guilt:
I hope redemption I ſhall have,
and all who in him truſt,
When I ſhall ſee him face to face,
and live among the juſt.
Why then ſhould I fear death's grim look
ſince CHRIST for me did die,
For King and *Cæſar*, rich and poor,
the force of death muſt try.

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When I am chained to the ſtake,
and fagots girt me round,
Then pray the LORD my ſoul in heaven
may be with glory crown'd.
Come welcome death the end of fears,
I am prepar'd to die:
Thoſe earthly flames will ſend my ſoul
up to the Lord on high.
Farewell my children to the world,
where you muſt yet remain;
The LORD of hoſts be your defence,
'till we do meet again.
Farewell my true and loving wife,
my children and my friends,
I hope in heaven to ſee you all,
when all things have their end.
If you go on to ſerve the LORD,
as you have now begun,
You ſhall walk ſafely all your days,
until your life be done.
GOD grant you ſo to end your days,
as he ſhall think it beſt,
That I may meet you in the heavens,
where I do hope to reſt.

OUR days begin with trouble here,
our life is but a ſpan,

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And cruel death is always near,
so frail a thing is man.
Then ſow the ſeeds of grace whilſt young,
That when thou com'ſt to die,
Thou may'ſt ſing forth that triumph ſong,
Death where's thy victory.

Choice Sentences.

1. PRAYING will make us leave ſinning, or ſinning will make us leave praying.

2. OUR weakneſs and inabilities break not the bond of our duties.

3. WHAT we are afraid to ſpeak before men we ſhould be afraid to think before GOD.

Learn theſe four lines by heart.

HAVE communion with few,
Be intimate with ONE,
Deal juſtly with all,
Speak evil of none.

AGUR's Prayer.

REMOVE far from me vanities and lies: give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: leſt I be full and deny thee, and ſay Who is the Lord? Or leſt I be poor and ſteal and take the name of my GOD in vain

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THE SHORTER
CATECHISM,

Agreed upon by the Reverend Aſſembly of DIVINES at *Weſtminſter*.

Queſt. *WHAT is the chief end of man?*

Anſ. Man's chief end is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Q. *What rule hath God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

A. The word of God which is contained in the ſcriptures of the old and new teſtament is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify God and enjoy him.

Q. 3. *What do the ſcriptures principally teach?*

A. The ſcriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requireth of man.

Q. 4. *What is God?*

A. God is a ſpirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wiſdom, power, holineſs, juſtice, goodneſs and truth.

Q. 5. *Are there more Gods than one?*

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A. There is but ONE only, the living and true GOD.

Q. 6. *How many perſons are there in the God-head?*

A. There are three perſons in the God-head, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, and theſe three are one GOD, the ſame in ſubſtance, equal in power and glory.

Q. 7. *What are the decrees of God?*

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpoſe, according to the counſel of his own will, whereby for his own glory he hath fore-ordained whatſoever comes to paſs.

Q. 8. *How doth God execute his decrees?*

A. God executeth his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. *What is the work of creation?*

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing by the word of his power, in the ſpace of ſix days, and all very good.

Q. 10. *How did God create man?*

A. God created man male and female after his own image, in knowledge, righteouſneſs and holineſs, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. *What are God's works of providence?*

A. God's works of providence are his moſt holy, wiſe and powerful, preſerving & govern-

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ing all his creatures and all their actions.

Q. 12. *What ſpecial act of providence did God exerciſe towards man in the eſtate wherein he was created?*

A. When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon pain of death.

Q. 13. *Did our firſt parents continue in the eſtate wherein they were created?*

A. Our firſt parents being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the eſtate wherein they were created, by ſinning againſt God.

Q. 14. *What is ſin?*

A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or tranſgreſſion of, the law of God.

Q. 15. *What was the ſin whereby our firſt parents fell from the eſtate wherein they were created?*

A. The ſin whereby our firſt parents fell from the eſtate wherein they were created, was their eating the forbidden fruit.

Q. 16. *Did all mankind fall in* Adam's *firſt tranſgreſſion?*

A. The covenant being made with *Adam*, not only for himſelf, but for his poſterity,

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all mankind deſcending from him by ordinary generation, ſinned in him, and fell with him in his firſt tranſgreſſion.

Q. 17. *Into what eſtate did the fall bring mankind?*

A. The fall brought mankind into an eſtate of ſin and miſery.

Q. 18. *Wherein conſiſts the ſinfulneſſ of that eſtate whereinto man fell?*

A. The ſinfulneſs of that eſtate whereinto man fell, conſiſts in the guilt of *Adam's* firſt ſin, the want of original righteouſneſs, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original ſin, together with all actual tranſgreſſions which proceed from it.

Q. 19. *What is the miſery of that eſtate whereinto man fell?*

A. All mankind by the fall loſt communion with God, are under his wrath & curſe, and ſo made liable to the miſeries in this life, to death itſelf, & to the pains of hell forever.

Q. 20. *Did God leave all mankind to periſh in the ſtate of ſin and miſery?*

A. God having out of his mere good pleaſure from all eternity elected ſome to everlaſting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of a ſtate

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of ſin and miſery, and to bring them into a ſtate of ſalvation by a Redeemer.

Q. 21. *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

A. The only Redeemer of God's elect, is the Lord Jeſus Chriſt, who being the eternal Son of God, became man, and ſo was, and continues to be God and man, in two diſtinct natures, and one perſon forever.

Q. 22. *How did Chriſt being the Son of God become man?*

A. Chriſt the Son of God became man by taking to himſelf a true body and a reasonable ſoul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghoſt, in the womb of the virgin *Mary*, and born of her, and yet without ſin.

Q. 23. *What offices does Chriſt execute as our Redeemer?*

A. Chriſt as our Redeemer executes the office of a prophet, of a prieſt, & of a king, both in his eſtate of humiliation and exaltation.

Q. 24. *How doth Chriſt execute the office of a prophet?*

A. Chriſt executeth the office of a prophet in revealing to us by his word and ſpirit, the will of God for our ſalvation.

Q. 25. *How doth Chriſt execute the office of a prieſt?*

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A. Chriſt executeth the office of a prieſt in his once offering up himſelf a ſacrifice to ſatiſfy divine juſtice, and reconcile us to God, and in making continual interceſſion for us.

Q. 26. *How does Chriſt execute the office of a king?*

A. Chriſt executeth the office of a king in ſubduing us to himſelf, in ruling and defending us, and in reſtraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

Q. 27. *Wherein did Chriſt's humiliation conſiſt?*

A. Chriſt's humiliation conſiſted in his being born and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miſeries of this life, the wrath of God, and the curſed death of the croſs, in being buried and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. *Wherein conſiſts Chriſt's exaltation?*

A. Chriſt's exaltation conſiſteth in his riſing again from the dead on the third day, in aſcending up into heaven, and ſitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the laſt day.

Q. 29. *How are we made partakers of the redemption purchaſed by Chriſt?*

A. We are made partakers of the redemption purchaſed by Chriſt by the effectual ap-

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plication of it to us by his holy Spirit.

Q. 30. *How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchaſed by Chriſt?*

A. The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchaſed by Chriſt, by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Chriſt in our effectual calling.

Q. 31. *What is effectual calling?*

A. Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, whereby convincing us of our ſin and miſery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Chriſt, and renewing our wills, he doth perſuade and enable us to embrace Jeſus Chriſt, freely offered to us in the goſpel.

Q. 32. *What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?*

A. They that are effectually called do in this life partake of juſtification, adoption, and ſanctification, and the ſeveral benefits which in this life do either accompany or flow from them.

Q. 33. *What is juſtification?*

A. Juſtification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our ſins, and accepteth us as righteous in his ſight, only for the righteouſneſs of Chriſt imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

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Q. 34. *What is adoption?*

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace whereby we are received into the number, and have a right to all the privileges of the ſons of God.

Q. 35. *What is ſanctification?*

A. Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man, after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto ſin, and live unto righteouſneſs.

Q. 36. *What are the benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from juſtification, adoption and ſanctification?*

A. The benefits which in this life do accompany or flow from juſtification, adoption and ſanctification, are aſſurance of God's love, peace and conſcience, joy in the holy Ghoſt, increaſe of grace, and perſeverance therein to the end.

Q. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Chriſt at their death?*

A. The ſouls of believers are at their death made perfect in holineſs, and do immediately paſs into glory, and their bodies being ſtill united to Chriſt do reſt in their graves till the reſurrection.

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Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Chriſt at the reſurrection?*

A. At the reſurrection believers being raiſed up to glory, ſhall be openly acknowledged and acquitted on the day of judgment and made perfectly bleſſed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.

Q. 39. *What is the duty which God requires of man?*

A. The duty which God requires of man, is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. *What did God at firſt reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A. The rule which God at firſt revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law ſummarily comprehended?*

A. The moral law is ſummarily comprehended in the ten commandments.

Q. 42. *What is the ſum of the ten commandments?*

A. The ſum of the ten commandments is, to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our ſoul, with all our ſtrength, and with all our mind, and our neighbor as ourſelves.

Q. 43. *What is the preface to the ten*

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